

Faculty of Law

LLM – Human Rights



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Our Future
Reimagined

Do you want to contribute towards building a transformed South Africa which respects and protects human rights? Do you want to engage with the most exciting global debates surrounding human rights and social justice? Do you want to advance a career in human rights?

Register for the LLM in **Human Rights** at the University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Law, which offers the following outstanding elements:

Progressive: The LLM examines the most current developments on human rights in Africa and around the world.

Global: The LLM will examine human rights in a global context and consider international law and comparative jurisdictions.

Transformative: The LLM will consider the way in which human rights in South Africa are designed to transform our society.

Faculty: The course is run by Professor Bilchitz who runs a leading research institute on constitutional law and human rights (SAIFAC) and is Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law. It will also expose students to a range of guest lecturers, from judges to practitioners.

Location: The lectures will take place at the historic Constitution Hill which itself represents a bridge from a past of repression and inequality to a future of social justice, freedom and equality. The lectures may also be offered on-line.

If you want to be a leader in the field of Fundamental Rights, study towards an LLM at UJ!

What You Need To Know

The course will consist of three modules:

- History and Philosophical Foundations of Fundamental Rights;
- The South African Bill of Rights;
- The Enforcement of Fundamental Rights in South Africa and Internationally.

Students are expected to complete a minor dissertation on any topic in the broad field of fundamental rights. They will benefit from research workshops which help to guide students in the writing process.

The degree is offered as a part-time degree over two years. Lectures take place at 17h30 to 19h30 to accommodate students who work during the day.

Admission Requirements:

In general, as a minimum admission requirement, students must have attained an average of 65% for the law subjects in their LLB degree. Admission is currently highly competitive and, if you are admitted, you will be amongst a select group of the best students who have applied.

Career Opportunities:

An LLM in Human Rights Law will equip and prepare you:

- To develop your legal practice to include human rights questions;
- To be a public interest lawyer fighting for the human rights of the weakest among us;
- For a job in an activist NGO campaigning for human rights;
- For a job in an international organisation working on human rights;
- For an academic career in research in fundamental rights; and
- For work in the judiciary or to develop your skills as a judge.

"Doing UJ's LLM in Human Rights Law challenged the way I think about the law, opening up more possibilities for the use of the law in striving for social justice. Not only did what I learn assist me in the everyday practice of my career as a lawyer, it has also paved the way for me to read for a PhD at the University of Melbourne." (Toerien Van Wyk, LLM in Human Rights)

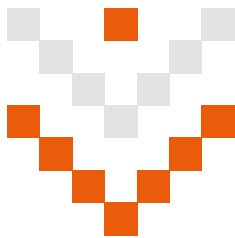
"For me the LLM in human rights law awoke my passion for constitutional law and the intense round table discussions were fantastic. In particular I enjoyed the philosophical component of the course work which laid the foundation for my legal thinking. It inspired me to apply to be a clerk at the Constitutional Court of South Africa and has helped me in that role." (Imraan Abdullah, LLM in Human Rights)

Enquiries:

For further information and enquiries regarding entry requirements, closing dates and the application procedure, as well as the content of the coursework, please do not hesitate to contact the faculty:

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